

**Introduced by Senator Aanestad**

February 23, 2006

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An act to add Section 8612 to the Water Code, relating to flood control.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1527, as introduced, Aanestad. Flood control.

Existing law establishes the 7-member Reclamation Board in the Department of Water Resources. Existing law authorizes the board to engage in various flood control activities along the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, their tributaries, and related areas. Existing law requires the board to establish and enforce standards for the maintenance and operation of levees, channels, and other flood control works. Existing law requires the board, for the purpose of adopting those standards, to give full consideration to fish and wildlife, recreation, and environmental factors.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve if it finds that it may have a significant effect on the environment, as defined, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect.

CEQA authorizes the utilization of a master environmental impact report to evaluate the cumulative impacts, growth inducing impacts, and irreversible significant effects on the environment of subsequent projects.

This bill would require the board to prepare a master environmental impact report in connection with routine operation or maintenance activities, and rehabilitation and repair activities, undertaken by the

board or local agencies on behalf of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 8612 is added to the Water Code, to  
2     read:  
3     8612. On or before January 1, 2008, the board shall prepare a  
4     master environmental impact report in accordance with the  
5     California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing  
6     with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code), in  
7     connection with routine operation or maintenance activities, and  
8     rehabilitation and repair activities, undertaken by the board or  
9     local agencies on behalf of the Sacramento River Flood Control  
10    Project.

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